

No. 1985-14

AN ACT

SB 184

Amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, imposing duties on law enforcement agencies with respect to missing children.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding a section to read:

§ 2908. Missing children.

(a) Duties of law enforcement agencies.—Law enforcement agencies shall have the following duties with respect to missing children:

(1) To investigate a report of a missing child immediately upon receipt of the report regardless of the age of the missing child or the circumstances surrounding the disappearance of the child. In no case shall law enforcement agencies impose a mandatory waiting period prior to commencing the investigation of a missing child.

(2) When conducting a missing child investigation, to record all information relevant to the missing child and the circumstances surrounding the disappearance of the missing child on the appropriate law enforcement investigative report.

(3) To make an entry into the Missing Persons File through the Commonwealth Law Enforcement Assistance Network (CLEAN) in accord with Pennsylvania State Police policy and procedures immediately upon receipt of sufficient identification information on the missing child.

(4) To insure timely cancellation of any entry made pursuant to this section where the missing child has returned or is located.

(b) Definition.—As used in this section the term “child” means a person under 18 years of age.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 9th day of May, A. D. 1985.

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